

## Message Text

UNCLASSIFIED POSS DUPE

PAGE 01 CANBER 00378 160043Z

21

ACTION EB-07

INFO OCT-01 EA-09 ISO-00 CAB-05 CIAE-00 COME-00 DODE-00

DOTE-00 INR-07 NSAE-00 FAA-00 L-03 /032 W

----- 118778

R 152317Z JAN 76

FM AMEMBASSY CANBERRA  
TO SECSTATE WASHDC 7278  
INFO AMEMBASSY SINGAPORE  
AMCONGEN MELBOURNE

UNCLAS CANBERRA 00378

SINGAPORE PLEASE PASS US CIVAIR DELEGATION

E.O. 11652: N/A

TAGS: EAIR, AS, US

SUBJ: CIVAIR--AUSTRALAIN USER CHARGES

1. THE CANBERRA TIMES OF JANUARY 14 CARRIES AN ARTICLE BY ITS DEFENSE AND AVIATION CORRESPONDENT, FRANK CRANSTON, IN WHICH CRANSTON STATES THAT AN INTERNAL DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORT(DOT) STUDY HAS BEEN COMPLETED SHOWING THAT INTERNATIONAL AIR-LINES DURING 1974 CONTRIBUTED CONSIDERABLY MORE THAN THEIR FAIR SHARE OF AUSTRALIAN AIRPORT AND AIRWAYS CHARGES.

2. USING AS A POINT OF DEPARTURE FOR HIS ARTICLE THE FACT THAT GENERAL AVIATION MAY FACE GREATLY INCREASED CHARGES, CRANSTON STATES THAT DOT STUDY DIVIDED INDUSTRY INTO FOUR SECTORS--INTERNATIONAL, DOMESTIC, RURAL AIRLINES, AND COMMUTER AND GENERAL AVIATION. IT THEN APPORTIONED TO EACH SECTOR A SHARE OF CHARGES TO BE COLLECTED UNDER THE ANNOUNCED OBJECTIVE OF 80 PERCENT COST RECOVERY. THE RESULT WAS, ACCORDING TO CRANSTON, A FINDING THAT INTERNATIONAL AIRLINES FLYING TO AND FROM AUSTRALIA "WERE ALREADY PAYING FAR IN EXCESS OF THE FORMER GOVERNMENT'S RECOVERY FIGURE, ALTHOUGH AS NO INVESTIGATIONS HAD EVER BEFORE BEEN CARRIED OUT, THIS HAD NOT BEEN INDICATED." INTERNATIONAL AIRLINES WERE SHOWN TO HAVE CONTRIBUTED BETWEEN 85 AND 95 PERCENT OF UNCLASSIFIED  
UNCLASSIFIED

PAGE 02 CANBER 00378 160043Z

THE COST OF FACILITIES USED DURING 1974, DOMESTIC TRUNK LINES 75 PERCENT, RURAL AIRLINES 25 PERCENT AND

PRIVATE AND COMMUTER AIRCRAFT LESS THAN 20 PERCENT OF THEIR  
PROPERLY ATTRIBUTABLE COSTS.

3. COMMENT: CRANSTON IS A GENERALLY RELIABLE, WELL  
CONNECTED JOURNALIST IN THE DEFENSE AND CIVIL AVIATION  
FIELDS AND WE HAVE NO REASON TO DOUBT THE SUBSTANTIAL  
ACCURACY OF HIS ARTICLE. IN VIEW OF UPCOMING USER CHARGE  
TALKS IN MELBOURNE WE HAVE NOT ATTEMPTED TO CONFIRM HIS  
REPORT THROUGH OFFICIAL SOURCES OR TO OBTAIN A COPY OF THE  
STUDY, WHICH WOULD PROBABLY NOT BE AVAILABLE. WE  
ASSUME, HOWEVER, THAT CRANSTON S ACCOUNT OF IT WILL BE  
OF INTEREST TO USDEL.

PERCIVAL

UNCLASSIFIED

NNN

## Message Attributes

**Automatic Decaptoning:** X  
**Capture Date:** 01 JAN 1994  
**Channel Indicators:** n/a  
**Current Classification:** UNCLASSIFIED  
**Concepts:** PRESS COMMENTS, AIRPORT FEES  
**Control Number:** n/a  
**Copy:** SINGLE  
**Draft Date:** 15 JAN 1976  
**Decaption Date:** 01 JAN 1960  
**Decaption Note:**  
**Disposition Action:** n/a  
**Disposition Approved on Date:**  
**Disposition Authority:** n/a  
**Disposition Case Number:** n/a  
**Disposition Comment:**  
**Disposition Date:** 01 JAN 1960  
**Disposition Event:**  
**Disposition History:** n/a  
**Disposition Reason:**  
**Disposition Remarks:**  
**Document Number:** 1976CANBER00378  
**Document Source:** CORE  
**Document Unique ID:** 00  
**Drafter:** n/a  
**Enclosure:** n/a  
**Executive Order:** N/A  
**Errors:** N/A  
**Film Number:** D760016-0964  
**From:** CANBERRA  
**Handling Restrictions:** n/a  
**Image Path:**  
**ISecure:** 1  
**Legacy Key:** link1976/newtext/t19760155/aaaabwsp.tel  
**Line Count:** 74  
**Locator:** TEXT ON-LINE, ON MICROFILM  
**Office:** ACTION EB  
**Original Classification:** UNCLASSIFIED  
**Original Handling Restrictions:** n/a  
**Original Previous Classification:** n/a  
**Original Previous Handling Restrictions:** n/a  
**Page Count:** 2  
**Previous Channel Indicators:** n/a  
**Previous Classification:** n/a  
**Previous Handling Restrictions:** n/a  
**Reference:** n/a  
**Review Action:** RELEASED, APPROVED  
**Review Authority:** mendozsm  
**Review Comment:** n/a  
**Review Content Flags:**  
**Review Date:** 28 JUL 2004  
**Review Event:**  
**Review Exemptions:** n/a  
**Review History:** RELEASED <28 JUL 2004 by castelsl>; APPROVED <18 AUG 2004 by mendozsm>  
**Review Markings:**

Margaret P. Grafeld  
Declassified/Released  
US Department of State  
EO Systematic Review  
04 MAY 2006

**Review Media Identifier:**  
**Review Referrals:** n/a  
**Review Release Date:** n/a  
**Review Release Event:** n/a  
**Review Transfer Date:**  
**Review Withdrawn Fields:** n/a  
**Secure:** OPEN  
**Status:** NATIVE  
**Subject:** CIVAIR--AUSTRALAIN USER CHARGES  
**TAGS:** EAIR, AS, US, (CRANSTON, FRANK)  
**To:** STATE  
**Type:** TE  
**Markings:** Margaret P. Grafeld Declassified/Released US Department of State EO Systematic Review 04 MAY 2006